(c) There is no proposal at present to subsidise production of IDPL.

Special priority for ordinary telegrams under certain conditions

593. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether ordinary telegrams are sent as express ones in cases of death, interviews and arrivals through air/railway journeys; and

(b) whether it is a fact that in Garhwal, Kumaon and other hilly districts of India, there are several prominent towns which can be approached only through roads and are not connected through railways or air; if so, whether Government would provide the same facilities for such places as for other places?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) Telegrams containing death messages, though booked ordinary, are given priority in transmission and delivery over other express telegrams. Telegrams containing messages relating to interviews and arrivals and departures of persons at railway stations, airports and other public transport terminals are given precedence in transmission and delivery over other private telegrams of the same class.

(b) Yes, Sir. Telegraph messages containing intimation of arrivals and departures at all public transport terminals including bus terminals are given the same high priority in transmission and delivery.

Fixed percentage of fresh share issues of Public Sector Undertakings

594. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to offer fixed percentage of fresh share issues of some Public Sector Undertakings to the investing public; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b) One of the recommendations of the Conference of Chief Executives of Public Sector Undertakings held in January 1988 is that, where possible, the successful Public Sector Undertakings should be able to offload upto 25 per cent of their shares to their employees and general public at market value. The recommendations of the Conference are under consideration of the Government.

राजस्थान में स्वचालित टेलीफोन केन्द्र

595. **श्री संतोष बागड़ोदिया** : क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि राजस्थान राज्य के कई जिला मुख्यालयों में इलेक्ट्रानिक स्वचालित टेलीफोन केन्द्रों की सुविधा नहीं है ;

(ख) क्या सरकार की, ऐसे जिला मुख्यालयों में इलेक्ट्रानिक स्वचालित टेलीफोन केन्द्रों की स्थापना करने की कोई योजना है ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो यह योजना कब तक पूरी हो जायेगी ?

ऊर्जा मंत्री और संचार मंत्री (श्री वसंत साठे) : (क) जी, हां ।

(ख) कुछ जिला मुख्यालयों में इलेक्ट्रानिक एक्सचेंज लगाने की योजना है।

(ग) ब्यौरा संलग्न विवरण में दिया गया है (नीचे देखें) । प्रस्तावित एक्सचेंज के सातवीं योजना अवधि में संस्थापित किये जाने की सम्भावना है ।